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NOTIFICATION

The Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India had issued an advisory on the establishment of High Level Inter-Agency Coordination Committee and Wildlife Crime Control Unit to control the menace of wildlife smuggling, poaching and illegal trade of wildlife products vide No. 10-27/WCCB/2014/Part-I/No.05-14/1801 dated 14.11.14. Accordingly, a High Level Inter-Agency Coordination Committee and a Wildlife Crime Control Unit is constituted with the following composition and terms of reference.

A. Sikkim High Level Inter-Agency Coordination Committee:

S. No	Designation of the Officer	Status in the unit
1	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests-cum-Principal Secretary, Forests, Environment & Wildlife Management Department, Government of Sikkim	Chairman
2	A representative of Director General of Police not below the rank of Additional DGP	Member
3	A representative of Department of Customs	Member
4	A representative of General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Indian Army not below the rank of Brigadier.	Member
5	Deputy Inspector General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)	Member
6	Deputy Director of Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau (SIB)	Member
7	Deputy Inspector General, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)	Member
8	A representative of Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Government of India	Member
9	Chief Wildlife Warden, Sikkim	Member Secretary

Terms of Reference:

High Level Inter-Agency Coordination Committee in Sikkim shall deal with and be empowered to perform the following functions:

1. The High Level Inter-Agency Coordination Committee shall have State wide Jurisdiction and shall meet once every six months or whenever the need arises.
2. It will review co-ordination between different Departments/ Agencies.
3. It will issue advisory relating to important and urgent matters.
4. It will advise the State Government on issues relating to wildlife crime and related laws.

B. Sikkim Wildlife Crime Control Unit:

S. No	Designation of Officer	Status in Unit
1	Chief Wildlife Warden, Forests, Environment & Wildlife Management Department, Government of Sikkim.	Chairman
2	Inspector General of Police, Law and Order	Member
3	A representative of Department of Customs	Member
4	A representative of Indian Army in the rank of Brigadier	Member
5	A representative of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)	Member
6	A representative of Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau (SIB)	Member
7	A representative of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)	Member
8	A representative of Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Government of India.	Member
9	Chief Conservator of Forests, (Territorial)	Member
10	Chief Conservator of Forests/Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)	Member Secretary

Terms of Reference:

The Wildlife Crime Control Unit shall have State wide Jurisdiction and shall meet once every six months or whenever the need arises.

1. It will collect and collate intelligence related to wildlife crime activities and to disseminate the same to the field units for enforcement action.
2. It will organize patrolling, conduct raids, seizures, and rescues of wild animals, wildlife trophies and other related materials with the help of field establishments of different member Departments of the Wildlife Crime Control Unit in general and Forest/Police force in particular.
3. It will establish Wildlife Crime Databank- keeping and recording the data related to wildlife crime in the State of Sikkim like history of wildlife crime in the State, locations where wildlife crime related activities are more prevalent, transit routes/corridors for wildlife crime, details of records of poachers, wildlife dealers, illegal wild animal holdings facilities etc.
4. It will conduct trainings and workshops for field staff from every Department who would be involved in controlling wildlife crime in the State.

5. It will act as a nodal point for Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India on wildlife crime control issues.
6. It will prevent, investigate and prosecute organised wildlife crime cases having wider ramifications.
7. It will deal/keep track of wildlife crime related cases in courts.
8. It will coordinate inter-agency wildlife crime enforcement actions in the State.

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